

NJCEA Sept. 05 Board Meeting

In attendance: Mary Balkun, Kelly Shea, John Wargacki, Nira Gupta-Casale, Burt Kimmelman, Gita DasBender, Ken Ronkowitz.

Excused: Aruna Sanyal, Karen Zielony, Norbert Elliot, Stephen Miller, John Woznicki, Matt Kochis.

Absent: Susannah Chewning, Ed Shannon.

Treasurer's Report

Gita reported that our balance as of August 31 is \$11, 905.79.

Fall Roundtable

Roundtable is scheduled for Saturday, October 18. Nira has booked a room at Kean University-- CAS 308-- from 10:30 to 12:30. Topic to consider: Politics and Literature. How do we talk about politics in the classroom? Maybe we can have four sub-topics and four speakers to whom we can assign the topics informally. The Composition topic-- Information Literacy and the Research Paper. Both email and snail mail reminders will be sent out. Food will most likely be catered and Nira will find out from Kean caterers how much ordering food is going to cost.

Spring 2009 Conference

Lynn Z. Bloom from University of Connecticut will be our featured speaker. One topic she is considering is Myths and Realities in Teaching Personal Writing. Also maybe "Writers without Borders: Teaching Writing in Troubled Times." The board voted in favor of the second topic. We should send out an announcement on the NJCEA list-serve so that members can send out the word about the conference to colleagues.

Possible Panels:

Mary: American Grotesque

Nira: Travel Writing

Kelly: Creative Non-Fiction

Gita: Generation 1.5 and ESL

Ken: Blogging

Burt: New Approaches to Medieval Literature, American Poetry since 1960.

Nira: Postcolonial literature,

Mia: Ethnic American Diaspora

Burt: New Media and the Literary Artifact

John: Creative Writing--Fiction

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Graduate Student Essay Contest

Students who submit papers will commit to presenting at the conference. The guidelines should be posted somewhere on the homepage for both potential students and potential judges. Motion for accepting revised guidelines passed unanimously. The guidelines are:

Graduate students are encouraged to submit essays not exceeding 10 pages on literary topics or on composition theory. Essays should include a Works Cited in the MLA format.

Any member of the NJCEA Board of Trustees or a faculty who is member of the NJCEA is eligible to serve as a judge on the Graduate Student Essay Contest Committee. In order to avoid potential conflicts of interest, committee members should not have been instructors for the course for which any entry was written either in the current or prior semesters. Faculty members from institutions not represented in the NJCEA Board are highly encouraged to participate in judging the contest.

Gita will send out an announcement on the WPA listserv to disseminate the call for submissions for the essay contest.

Rosen Award and Treadwell Award will be presented again.

Our next meeting: Friday, January 09, 11:00-1:00 at Writing Center, A&S room 206

Website

Our current account limits us to 5 pages and we cannot do traditional web stuff. This runs out in January so we need to renew web domain which is njcea.org. We can stay with register.com and it would cost us \$215 annually. We would get a lot of space, 250 gigs or so. We could have a host in NJ—South Monmouth Software design. This would be \$150 per year but they could also do the listserv for another \$150 a year. This provides good support. Third option: \$80 per year. Fourth option: free, like Word Press.

Vote passed in favor of SMSD.

College English Notes

John Wargacki suggested that we consider moving ahead with the status of CEN as a peer-reviewed journal after the spring 2009 conference. Norbert Elliot communicated over email that he is willing to establish the journal review board and the peer-review system.

Non-Profit Status

Norbert phoned Bill Sparta, an accountant, and found out that there would be little problem establishing a non-profit status for NJCEA. It is just a matter of Norbert doing the paperwork, which he is willing to do.

Respectfully submitted,

Gita DasBender
Secretary/Treasurer